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- (1) DE Patent No. 102 19 296;
- (2) DE Patent No. 32 10 131;
- (3) DE Patent No. 690 01 417;
- (4) EP Patent No. 1 077 060; and
- (5) International Publication No. WO 00/49995.

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